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or pursuant to K.S.A. 46-137b, and amendments thereto. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when a member of the legislature is paid an amount of compensation of \$20,000 or more in any one calendar vear, the member may continue to receive any amount provided in K.S.A. 46-137a(b) and (d), and amendments thereto, and still be entitled to receive such member's retirement benefit. Commencing July 1, 2005, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to retirants who either retired under the provisions of subsection (1), or, if they retired under the provisions of subsection (4), were retired more than 30 days prior to the effective date of this act and are licensed professional nurses or licensed practical nurses employed by the state of Kansas in an institution as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01(b) or K.S.A. 38-2302(f)(k), and amendments thereto, the Kansas soldiers' home or the Kansas veterans' home. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to create any right, or to authorize the creation of any right, which is not subject to amendment or nullification by act of the legislature. The participating employer of such retirant shall pay to the system the actuarially determined employer contribution based on the retirant's compensation during any such period of employment.

- (6) For purposes of this section, any employee of a local governmental unit which has its own pension plan who becomes an employee of a participating employer as a result of a merger or consolidation of services provided by local governmental units, which occurred on January 1, 1994, may count service with such local governmental unit in determining whether such employee has met the years of credited service requirements contained in this section.
- (7) (a) Except as provided in K.S.A. 74-4937(3), (4), or (5), and amendments thereto, and the provisions of this subsection, commencing July 1, 2016, and ending July 1, 2020 2021, any retirant who is employed or appointed in or to any position by a participating employer or a third-party entity who contracts services with a participating employer to fill a position, without any prearranged agreement with such participating employer and not prior to 60 days after such retirant's retirement date, shall not receive any retirement benefit for any month in any calendar year in which the retirant receives compensation in an amount equal to \$25,000 or more, pursuant to this subsection. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to members of the legislature.
- (b) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply, except as specifically provided in this subsection, to retirants-that who are:
- (i) Licensed professional nurses or licensed practical nurses employed by the state of Kansas in an institution as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01(b) or 38-2302(f)(k), and amendments thereto, the Kansas soldiers' home or the Kansas veterans' home. The participating employer of such retirant shall pay to the system the actuarially determined employer

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subsection (7)(e) and

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contribution based on the retirant's compensation and the statutorily prescribed employee contribution during any such period of employment;

- (ii) employed by a school district in a position as provided in K.S.A. 74-4937(3), (4) or (5), and amendments thereto. Any retirant employed by a school district in a position under K.S.A. 74-4937(3), (4) or (5), and amendments thereto, shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (7)(h) which relate to a limitation on the total term of employment with any participating employer in which a retirant may receive such retirant's full retirement benefit;
- (iii) certified law enforcement officers employed by the law enforcement training center. Such law enforcement officers shall receive their benefits notwithstanding this subsection. The law enforcement training center shall pay to the system the actuarial actuarially determined employer contribution and the statutorily prescribed employee contribution based on the retirant's compensation during any such period of employment;
- (iv) members of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto, or members of the retirement system for judges pursuant to K.S.A. 20-2601 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (v) employed as substitute teachers or officers, employees or appointees of the legislature;
- (vi) a poll worker hired to work an election day for a county election officer responsible for conducting all official elections held in the county; and
- (vii) employed by, or have accepted employment from, a participating employer prior to May 1, 2015. Any break in continuous employment by a retirant or move to a different position by a retirant during the effective period of this subsection shall be deemed new employment and shall subject the retirant to the provisions of this subsection.
- (c) The participating employer shall enroll all retirants and report to the system when compensation is paid to a retirant as provided in this subsection. Such report shall contain a certification by the appointing authority of the participating employer that any hired retirant has not been employed by the participating employer within 60 days of such retirant's retirement and that there was no prearranged agreement for employment between the participating employer and the hired retirant. Upon request of the executive director of the system, the participating employer shall provide such information as may be needed by the executive director to carry out the provisions of this subsection. Any participating employer who hires a retirant covered by this subsection shall pay to the system the statutorily prescribed employer contribution rate for such retirant, without regard to whether the retirant is receiving benefits. No retirant shall

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receive credit for service while employed under the provisions of this subsection.

- (d) A participating employer may employ a retirant without regard to the compensation limitation in this subsection for a period of one calendar year or one school year, as the case may be, if the following requirements are met:
- (i) The employer certifies to the board that the position being filled has been vacated due to an unexpected emergency or the employer has been unsuccessful in filling the position;
- (ii) the employer pays to the system a 30% employer contribution based on the retirant's compensation during any such period of employment. On or before July 1, 2019, and at least every three years thereafter, the board, in consultation with the system's consulting actuary, shall evaluate the plan's experience with employment of such retirants and the corresponding employer contribution rate to assess whether the employer contribution rate can be expected to fund adverse experience or higher liabilities accruing under the system in connection with employment of such retirants, to the extent that such liability can be ascertained or estimated. Based on this evaluation of the plan's experience, the board may certify to the division of the budget, in the case of the state, and to the agent for each other participating employer, a new rate if needed to more fully fund such adverse experience or additional liabilities, but such rate shall not be less than 30%; and
- (iii) the employer maintains documentation of its efforts to fill the position with a non-retirant and provides such documentation to the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits upon request of the committee.
- [ An employer may submit a written assurance protocol to the system to extend the exception provided for in subsection (7)(d) by one-year increments for a total extension not to exceed three years. A written assurance protocol shall be submitted to the system for each one-year increment extension. If a school district submits a written assurance protocol, such written assurance protocol shall be signed by the superintendent and the board president of such school district. If a municipality, as defined in K.S.A. 75-1117, and amendments thereto, other than a school district, submits a written assurance protocol, such written assurance protocol shall be signed by the governing body or such governing body's designee for such municipality. Such written assurance protocol shall state that the position was advertised on multiple platforms for a minimum of 30 calendar days and that at least one of the following conditions occurred:
  - (i) No applications were submitted for the position;
  - (ii) if applications were submitted, none of the applicants met the

- (e) Retirants who are independent contractors or employees of third-party entities who contract with a participating employer shall not be subject to the compensation limitation in this subsection or the requirements of subsection (7)(c) regarding enrollment and employer contributions, so long as all of the following apply:
- (i) The contractual relationship was not created to allow the retirant to continue employment with the participating employer after retirement in a position similar to the one such retirant held prior to retirement;
- (ii) the activities performed by the independent contractor or third-party entity are not normally performed by employees of that participating employer; and
- (iii) the retirant meets the classification of independent contractor as provided in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 44-768, and amendments thereto, or activities performed by the third-party entity that employs the retirant are performed on a limited-term basis and the third-party entity is not a participating employer in the system.

redesignate paragraphs accordingly